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SUBJECT: STRIKE DEADLINE POSTPONED TO JANUARY 1; DEMAND FOR
GAIRY'S RESIGNATION DROPPED

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1. REPRESENTATIVES TO TWENTY-TWO LABOR, PROFESSIONAL AND
SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHOHAD THREATENED GENERAL STRIKE TO
BEGIN DECEMBER 27, HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION
OF PREMIER ERIC GAIRY AND HIS GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, COMMITTEE
OF 22, AS IT IS NOW KNOWN, THREATENED TO RESUME STRIKE ACTION
JANUARY 1 IF GOG FAILS COMPLY WITH EARLIER DEMANDS CONCERNING
ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE BRUTALITY. COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY MET
DECEMBER 23 AND DRAFTED LETTER TO GAIRY REITERATING DEMANDS FOR
DISBANDINO OF POLICE AIDES, ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF POLICE
AND POLICE AIDES INVOLVED IN NOVEMBER 18 BEATING OF SIX NEW
JEWEL MOVEMENT LEADERS, AND MEASURES QUARANTEERING SAFETY OF
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GOVERNMENT OPPONENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, RULING GRENADA UNITED LABOUR PARTY (GULP) HELD RALLY DECEMBER 24, AT WHICH GAIRY AND OTHER CABINET MINISTERS DESCRIBED COMMITTEE'S ULTIMATUM AS UNLAWFUL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW DULY ELECTED GOVERNMENT. GAIRY REPEATED PREVIOUS WARNINGS THAT GOG WOULD USE EVERY CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AND REPORTEDLY RECEIVED OVERWHELMING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM LARGE PARTISAN GATHERING. DURING DECEMBER 17 RADIO ADDRESS, MINISTER W/O PORTFOLIO DEREK KNIGHT WARNED THAT STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL DEMANDS VIOLATED LABOR DISPUTES LEGISLATION AND THAT STRIKERS WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION ON CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CHARGES. GAIRY REPORTEDLY ISSUED SIMILAR WARNINGS IN MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ELECTRICAL AND CABLE AND WIRELESS EMPLOYEES AND ALSO THREATENED THAT CIVIL SERVANTS WHO SUPPORTED STRIKE WOULD LOSE THEIR JOBS. WARNINGS APPARENTLY PROMPTED COMMITTEE OF 22 TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION.

3. COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY HEADED BY RETIRED JAMAICAN CHIEF JUSTICE HERBERT DUFFUS, BEGAN ITS HEARINGS DECEMBER 17, BUT REPORTEDLY SPEND ITS FIRST WEEK HEARING ARGUMENTS OVER TERMS OF REFERENCE. OPPOSITION GROUPS HAVE REQUESTED INQUIRY INTO ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE SINCE 1970, WHILE GOG HAS ATTEMPTED TO LIMIT INVESTIGATION TO MOST RECENT INCIDENTS. COMMITTEE RECESSED DECEMBER 21 AND IS TO RESUME HEARINGS JANUARY 3.
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